

Application Serial No. 10/630,034
Amendment dated June 30, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant now cancels claims 41-52 without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving allowed claim 40 as the only claim in the application.

The examiner in rejecting the claims based on the Harris references erroneously states that applicant's examples 3 and 3A do not show any difference between the products of the invention and the reference. Applicant disagrees for all of the reasons set forth in the response of March 17, 2006.

The examiner states that the examples do show a difference of the coatings after one week and two weeks, but erroneously remarks that this apparently has something to do with the freshness of the coating baths employed to make the coatings of these two examples. The examiner has pointed to nothing in the examples that supports this erroneous conclusion. On the contrary, Table 2 reports the coating imperfections after aging the coatings for two weeks, and not as the examiner mistakenly contends, the results after aging the baths for two weeks and then applying the coatings. Table 2 therefore clearly illustrates applicant's claimed coating differs from the prior art, and supports applicant's product-by-process claims in that he obtained a product superior to the prior art even though using substantially the same materials, but combining them in a way neither anticipated by or made obvious by the prior art of record.

With only allowed claim 40 remaining in the application, applicant request that the examiner pass this case to issue.

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